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## A look back at the events of 1994 as 1995 approaches

Where has this year gone? As we bid farewell to 1994 and prepare to begin a new year, it is fitting that we pause and briefly reflect on the past. The following excerpts were taken from news items as they were reported on the front pages of *The Elba Clipper* during the past year.

### JANUARY

**January 6** - The Elba Housing Authority, along with Authorities from Enterprise, Ozark, Troy and Dothan, has formed a coalition and have purchased the latest drug detection equipment. This detection system is known as an IONSCAN. New video camera presented (picture) - The Elba Police Department was recently presented a new surveillance video camera by Dorsey Trailers.

**January 13** - Front page headlines: Elba City Council into new year but old problems tag along; Elba Utility Department operating within last year's margin; New tax collection system for New Brockton; Howard Lee enters county sheriff's race; No building for Mapping & Appraisal; Patterson to be guest speaker at Chamber's Annual Banquet.

**January 20** - Elba's Evergreen Cemetery receives \$100,000 donation - The City of Elba owned Evergreen Cemetery received a check for \$100,000 from the City of Elba. The donation was made to the trust fund; Sheriff Brice Paul will not seek re-election; Elba City Council discusses payroll tax.

**January 27** - City council cannot agree on counter offer to (Ricky) Mularz; Ronnie Whitworth announces candidacy for Sheriff of Coffee County; Near the end of the morning session of the Coffee County Commission meeting, Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel proposed a straw vote on the courthouse issue; (picture) Man dies in one-vehicle wreck; Jeffery Scott Costner, 29, of Route 1, Arion, AL, lost his life when his Chevrolet S-10 pickup left the roadway and landed in a ravine.

### FEBRUARY

**February 3** - Coach Bryant Steele honored by NBHS - (picture) Coach Steele coached his first year of basketball in New Brockton during the 1960-61 school year; (picture) A new Jaycee Chapter was recently organized in Elba; Judge Marion Brunson sworn in as president of Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution.

**February 10** - Front page headlines - Audit report reveals Town of New Brockton financially sound; Holley (Dwight) will enter sheriff's race; Law enforcement loses dedicated officer (Gordon Luck - former New Brockton Chief of Police); Special grand jury returns no indictment in [Enterprise] hostage shooting.

**February 17** - Headlines - Elba City Council faces strong opposition to occupational tax; City offers Mularz \$27,500 and job; Jim Weatherford announces candidacy for circuit judge; Butts continues in race for seat on the Alabama Supreme Court; Ben Moates enters race for sheriff; Coffee County Board of Education members hear parent's complaint.

**February 24** - The Elba City School Board has approved two changes to policies. One is a board policy dealing with requirements for admission to Elba schools and the second is a code of conduct and discipline plan for the elementary school; Dwight Adams seeks state senate seat; Steve Blair enters race for district judge; Shooting incident in Mulberry

Heights sends four individuals to local hospital.

### MARCH

**March 3** - The Elba City Council approves the sale of five acres of land to Cash Brothers Leasing. Thomas E. Head announces candidacy for circuit judge; Gary Watson announces candidacy for probate judge; Wendell (Buddy) Ammons to make bid for sheriff's office in June; Howard Lee out of sheriff's race; Elba officials don't reach settlement in federal lawsuits.

**March 10** - In a surprise announcement Monday evening, State Representative Jimmy Holley, of Elba, said he will not be seeking a sixth term in the Alabama Legislature; Enterprise police have arrested the former police chief of New Brockton, Richard Lee Nichols, in the connection with the theft of \$50,000.00; Marion Brunson to seek 3rd term as Coffee County's probate judge; Boyd Hartzog announces candidacy for sheriff on Republican ticket.

**March 17** - Mayor and council disagree over check signing. An ordinance was approved by the council requiring all purchase orders and checks to be signed by the mayor or clerk, and one of two city council members; Wes Laird kicks off state senate campaign; Charlie Walker enters race for state representative; A tornado or down burst of wind was the question authorities were trying to determine early Thursday morning (March 10).

**March 24** - Elba man's body found in field along side AL Hwy. 87S. The Alabama Department of Forensic Science identified the body as being that of Jackie Morris, age 39, of Elba; Larry Lee enters race for state senate; Elba W & E Board proceeds with Hwy. 125 water project; School board adopts disease policy; Police arrest Elba juvenile on drug charges.

**March 31** - Brice Paul resigns office - Effective, May 1, 1994 at 12:01 a.m., Brice Paul will no longer be sheriff of Coffee County; Terry Spicer seeks House seat; Terry Ellis enters Senate race; Elba City Council hears cost cutting measures; County commission wants fence removed from road.

### APRIL

**April 7** - Mickey Murdock, Chairman of the Elba Water and Electric Board for the past several years, submitted his resignation last week. It is effective Friday, April 8th; Elba joins area towns in relief effort for Piedmont; Elba prepares for Band Day '94; Political season is upon us - picture of numerous political signs along side the road.

**April 14** - New Pizza Hut officially opens doors (picture of ribbon cutting ceremony with local dignitaries and beauty queens joining Pizza Hut officials in cutting the ribbon); Elba City School System receives good marks from accreditation committee; Medical Center Enterprise changing hands in four-hospital trade off.

**April 21** - Headlines - Mayor Haywood mixes sales tax increase; Gladys Yelverton to head Elba W & E Board; Mark Pool named Engineer of the Year by his peers; Shooting in Mulberry Community leaves Dale County man (Martel) Clifford Brooks, age 28, dead; Gov. Folsom appoints Mickey Counts as Interim Sheriff of Coffee County.

**April 28** - Council hits Mayor Haywood with restraining order - the temporary restraining order will be in effect until a final hearing is held

at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, April 29th; Kirk Donaldson in House race; Wet-dry petition presented to Elba City Council; Dorsey Trailers expanding; Kinston prepares for festival.

### MAY

**May 5** - Headlines - City council certifies wet-dry petition - vote set for June 7th; Friday's hearing on restraining order against Mayor Haywood unnecessary; Counts sworn in as sheriff Monday; County work release prisoners don't like jail; Tom Greene enters Rep's race; Garrett Moore runs for House seat; Masked, bandit armed with shotgun robs convenience store.

**May 12** - Vester Cole Day Saturday, May 21, 1994; Harry Carl Brown enters school board race; County commission approves expenditures over \$315,000; Minutes of no-quorum meeting approved by council (Elba City Council); Yelverton presides over first W & E Board meeting; May 8 - 14 proclaimed National Nursing Home Week by Mayor Haywood.

**May 19** - (Picture) Jimmy Holley appreciation was held Sunday afternoon at the Elba High School. State Representative Holley is retiring from the political arena after 20 years of public service; Families living near the new landfill sue county; Captain A. G. "Gaston" Tew new state trooper top commander.

**May 26** - Courthouse topic of commission's discussion - Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel presented commissioners with a preliminary proposal for bringing both courthouses, Elba and Enterprise, into compliance with the Americans with Disability Act; Buck's Mill Creek Road open to traffic, once again; Two brothers shot by cousin in Northern coffee County.

### JUNE

**June 2** - Women veterans honored Saturday at Elba's Veterans Memorial Park; Enterprise men indicted for murder of an Enterprise restaurant manager; Elba High School receives \$2,500 from Alabama Power; Youngsters find marijuana in Bellamy Community; Elba's mayor indicted by grand jury; Opp man, Willie Earl Lawrence, 34, arrested in Elba drug bust.

**June 9** - Sheriff's race attracts the most voters. Democratic voters numbered 9,304 while Republican voters in Coffee County cast 1,016 votes. No indication of wrong doing in the spending of FEMA funds; Elba to remain "dry" by vote of the people; Dorsey Trailers to offer 1.8 million shares of common stock to public; Southland Foods sells to New York Company for undisclosed amount.

**June 16** - Elba City council approves additional 1¢ sales tax; Court rules against Mayor Haywood; Judge Terry Butts wins Democratic nomination for seat on the Alabama Supreme Court; Tie vote in county school board race broken by Coffee County Democratic party Chairman Bill Stokes - Harrell Carroll declared party's nomination.

**June 23** - Cost of city water (Elba) may increase; Voters must return to polls June 28; Marsha Oggs named to fill counselor's position; Bill Gammill announces candidacy for Probate Judge of Coffee County; Haywood's arraignment set for today; Flood control topic of discussion (picture) at meeting of Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority.

**June 30** - Kleinert's celebrates 125 years of operation - 25 years in Elba; Primary run-off elections now histo-

ry - Ben Moates is the Democratic nominee for sheriff, Terry Spicer is the Democratic nominee for State Representative, and Terry Ellis is the Democratic nominee for State Senate; Commission closer to Enterprise Adult Day Care Center.

### JULY

**July 7** - New Brockton applies for \$11,729.40 grant to be used in updating the town's ordinances; Patrick Morris joined the Coffee County Sheriff's Department as an investigator; Elba students score high on SAT; fourth graders score highest in entire state; Contract awarded on U.S. Hwy. 84E and AL Hwy. 189N; Special Council and W&E Board meetings called.

**July 14** - Elba residents battle Pea River's flood waters again. On July 7, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:55 a.m., Pea River crested at 38.15 feet in Elba. Flood stage is at 30 feet; Dam age heavy but not as great as March '90 Flood; Coffee County Commission focuses on Flood of 1994; A picture on front page shows flood gates being installed in the levee at the Whitewater Bridge on Smith Avenue and another picture shows flood waters completely covering Smith Avenue on the other side of the bridge.

**July 21** - Elba City Council in closed door session - to discuss matter involving the police department; Damage suits (caused by flood waters) to county roads exceed 2,000; Unrest exists in New Brockton's police department; Enterprise man (Ronald Talmadge Henderson, age 30) murdered; FEMA gives disaster assistance up-date.

**July 28** - Elba Police Chief (Jack Parker) withdraws resignation - the chief had suddenly resigned last Friday; Council (Elba City Council) discusses water, drainage, and law suits; Former mascot at West Point enjoys southern style retirement (picture of Dr. Kenneth Strong); Buckshot (an army mule), retired Army mascot; Landfill Water Project contract awarded.

### AUGUST

**August 4** - Headlines - New Brockton citizen lodges complaint against police officer. Council goes behind closed doors to discuss two of town's employees; Lloyd McCammon seeking District Judgeship; City of Elba facing financial crisis. Charts show the city with a \$119,894.50 shortfall of operating income. Special council meeting of ters no solution.

**August 11** - Elba City Council borrows \$125,000 to fund day-to-day operations. The council also adopted a paid funeral leave policy for city employees; Rotary's District Governor (Ken Washburn) visits local club; Restoration of Elba's powder dam a slow process; County's recovery (Flood of '94) to take time and money.

**August 20** - W & E Board chairman expresses concern about board's stability during work session; Elba School Board wrestles with budget; Cave-in in Enterprise kills one man and injures another. Killed was Thomas Davidson, 29, of Tennessee and the injured man was identified as Dan Robke, 34, of Enterprise; New Brockton police officer, Harry Laird, arrested and charged with criminal trespassing; Christine spill in Elba injures five - five residences evacuated.

**August 25** - City of Elba - Mularz lawsuit settled at a cost of \$60,000 plus; Elba Police Chief Jack Parker granted medical leave; Zion Chapel

has a new principal - Dr. Linda Ingram; County commission awards bid for cell two at landfill; Coffee County Sheriff's deputies eradicate 1,000 marijuana plants.

### SEPTEMBER

**September 1** - Coffee County BOE approves 8.5% pay increase; Officer Harry Laird (a New Brockton police officer) pleads not guilty to criminal trespassing charge; Special meeting of the Elba City School Board focuses on finances; Elba Police Department breaks up small scale forgering; Spicer urges consideration of ESIC's value.

**September 8** - Commissioner Sid A. Averett gone but not forgotten. Averett died at his home in Enterprise on Wednesday, August 31, 1994, after an extended illness; James Simmons settles lawsuit with City of Elba; County agencies receive FEMA checks; City of Elba seeks bids on two new police cars; Sabbing in Elba results in one man's arrest and another seriously injured.

**September 15** - Elba City Council backs on payment of attorney fees; Council members review proposed 1994-95 budget of \$1,961,450.00; New Brockton honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Last Thursday afternoon, Alabama Governor Jim Folsom paid a visit to Elba (picture); County commission remembers Abverett.

**September 22** - FEMA's final '90 audit costs city (Elba) \$30,000; Sheriff's investigators break up burglary ring; Elba's BOE tables action on expelling students - 8.5% pay raise to cost approximately \$20,000 annually; Police arrest four Opp men in John Wilson murder case (Wilson was the father of Chris Head, wife of District Judge Thomas Head).

**September 29** - Elba City Council adopts \$2,000,000.00 budget; Council says "no" to District Attorney's demand for drug money; Coffee County Commission approves \$6 million budget; Talk One System demonstrated to Elba's school board members; Local Lions recognized for service (picture).

### OCTOBER

**October 6** - Things beginning to look up for the Town of New Brockton; Sheriff seizes \$12,000.00 marijuana crop; Enterprise grand jury clears New Brockton police officer (Harry Laird); Elba City School Board adopts \$4.9 million budget; Farm-City Week Committee looking for winner; A three-vehicle south of Elba on AL Hwy. 87 injured three persons.

**October 13** - Headlines - Elba City Council likes to table matters; Council members refuse to divert school's portion of 2¢ gasoline tax; Commission recognizes the late Sid A. Averett; County EMA looks into buy-out program; New Brockton receives \$4,000 grant to preserve town's permanent records.

**October 20** - Elba Citizens voice opposition to rezoning - area residents already experiencing problems; Elba W & E Board rejects waterline bid; Checkpoints target drunken drivers on Alabama roadways; Dorsey announces third quarter earnings; Little Miss Elba Anna Marie Harrison (picture); IRS looking for taxpayers; AEC plans to lower Gantt Lake.

**October 27** - Elba City Council handles one touchy subject - A rezoning question which has upset a number of these individuals involved on either side of the issue were presented to the council for a decision; Elba City Council votes to borrow \$15,000.00; V.O.C.A.L. (Victims Of

Crime And Leniency) Chapter organized in Elba (picture); Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, October 29th; Miss Elba Robyn Rhoades (picture).

### NOVEMBER

**November 3** - Grand jury indicts Elba man (Timothy Ferrell Edge, 37) for murder - Edge allegedly shot and killed Billy Clifton Whitehead, 32, also of Elba; Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Dedication Ceremony (picture); The ceremony took place in the Town of New Brockton; DA endorses crime victims' amendment; Food stamps allotments increase; Elba police arrest quartet in country club burglary.

**November 10** - General Election results for Coffee County - Fob James Alabama's new governor, Ben Moates elected sheriff, Bill Gammill new probate judge, Tom Head elected circuit judge, and Steve Blair is new district judge; County BOE adopts drug screening policy; Elba water rates to increase for all on January 1st.

**November 17** - Headlines - District Attorney will have to sue up according to High Court Rules; Coffee County BOE hears concerned parents; Commission purchases health department transportation; Elections close and results unclear to voters of Alabama; Council (Elba) balks once again on payment of attorney's fees - won't pay for duplicate services.

**November 24** - Fire destroys county landmark. Old Stephens Store located on Co. Rd. 547, in the Damascus Community, was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, November 21. There had been a store at that location for the past 100 years; Elba BOE votes to borrow \$300,000; Farm-City celebration a success;

### DECEMBER

**December 1** - Headlines - Mayor (Haywood) and DA (Folmar) disagree on terminology concerning the prosecution of city cases in district court; Judge (Terry) Butts orders special jury term of circuit court to try criminal cases; Voters remain in the dark on absentee votes; Mayor proclaims Home Care Week in Elba (picture); Hilltop cabin destroyed by fire (picture). The cabin belonged to Dr. & Mrs. Kenneth Strong.

**December 8** - Owen Ziglar's second trial ends in hung jury - Ziglar was originally charged with murder in the January 30, 1990 shooting death of Edward Lamar Kelley, 56, of Elba; Jury finds (Joseph Dwight) Creel guilty of a misdemeanor; Hearings held on the four laming of Highway 84; Elba Christmas Festival 1994 set for Saturday, December 10th on the square.

**December 15** - Coffee Commission recognizes Marion Sanders. Sanders has served as a district supervisor for the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District since May 1959; Clark resigns as EHS principal - Elba High School Principal Charles Clark has resigned his position for health reasons, effective January 1st.

**December 22** - This was the Christmas issue of *The Elba Clipper*. The front page of the paper, as is tradition, featured Elba's Christmas Family. For 1994, the Robert Curran Family was selected. Pictured were: Robbie and his wife Debbie and their three sons - Matthew, Merrill, and Jason.

**December 29** - The front page of this issue of *The Elba Clipper* recorded brief excerpts of events as they occurred and were recorded on the front pages.

Happy New Year!



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Lately there has been a lot of news about gunmen, etc. trying to penetrate the security at the White House. Several have been killed in the attempts and now there is talk of extending the security net even wider, just to protect the president. Times do change. White House security is an example. A tidbit in a book we received for Christmas points this out glaringly. It wasn't until the 19th century that they even started locking the doors! Prior to that, history records an incident of a drunk wandering through the unlocked door and spending the rest of the night passed out on a downstairs sofa. No big deal, the next morning he got up and went on his way. Then in another vein completely, there is the story of the president's wife getting lost going through the woods to the White House.

This is not official but scary anyway. We were standing at a wreck scene with a state trooper, just the two of us still standing there in the dark, sometime during the holidays and he made this statement: "There have been more fatalities from auto accidents in Coffee County during the last few days than during the rest of the year combined!" Regardless of the accuracy of this statement, there have been entirely too many for anyone and especially those of us who lost friends and family in the mishaps.

Christmas Day at our house was, as usual, a gathering of parents and children. The big difference was the timing of the opening of presents. Mind you, this was all adults, we have no grandchildren. These same children, 20 and 25 years ago were begging to open presents on Christmas Eve and were always up at the crack of dawn to see what Santa had left under the tree for them. This year not a single present was opened until AFTER Christmas dinner! My, how times and attitudes do change.

Monday we received a phone call from the upset mother of a small child. The child had received a Tyco Musical Toy Radio for Christmas, the one with a picture of Big Bird, etc. on it. A little safety knob on the end of the antenna had come off and the child put it in his mouth - scaring mother. She cautioned other parents who have had the same experience should report the problem as she has done. The phone number for reporting this particular problem is 1-800-367-8926.

We broke down and bought some lottery tickets last week, after all 47 million would be a good start on paying our Christmas bills. However, we have now classified our purchase as a donation to the State of Florida. We were not even close! Lottery fans will relate to what happened several weeks ago: even when we don't buy the tickets, we compare the winning numbers to these we use over and over. One week, when we didn't buy a ticket (of course), our numbers matched five of the six - that would have paid \$886 had we been smart enough to buy a ticket that week. Usually we look at the winning numbers and comment that we saved money by NOT buying a ticket for that particular drawing. Christmas Eve we bought and we lost... again.

Happy New Year! Hopefully you will not break your New Year's resolutions before you have had time to find out if they really work. It is not unusual for folks to make these resolutions with good intentions, but decide old habits are hard to break and aren't really worth it anyway. Some folks have such terrible luck sticking to resolutions that they (we) just don't make them anymore.



**HOUSE NUMBERS.**...being painted on street curbing for high visibility. Two members of the Elba Police Department, Officers Doug Weeks and Michael Patrick, have undertaken the task of painting resident's house numbers on the curb so that it can easily be seen by police, emergency personnel and mail carriers. The charge for the service is \$5 of which a portion goes to the Elba Police Department to purchase equipment. At the time of the above picture, approximately 35 to 40 residents had taken advantage of the offer. Anyone wishing to have their house number painted on the curb can call 897-6329 or 897-5942. For houses that do not have curbing in front, an alternative is being offered. Pictured above are (l-r): Postmaster Bill Bullard, Elba Mayor Ricky Hayward, Investigator Doug Weeks, and Patrolman Michael Patrick.

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of December 20, 1994 through December 26, 1994.

They were: Cathan Knight, Rosie Jackson, Ella F. Hudson, Donnette Hall, J. T. Crocker, Lillie Hudson, Maurcen Hamilton, Manuel Weeks, Linda Walker, Tim Hurst, Tevin Tyson, Nicole Ellis, Hollie Morgan, Leslie Caylor, Mavis Legear, Mable Richburg, Jerome Senn, Steven Cole, Ashley Canley, Mavis Beckworth, and Kimmy Anderson.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Lillian Whitehead, Annisse Coleman, Johnny Culver, Johnny Wilson, Matthew Nelson, Dorothy Williams, Mary L. Kelley, Cathan Knight, Mable Richburg, Rosie Jackson, Mavis Legear, Leslie Caylor, Jerome Senn, Nicole Ellis, Tevin Tyson, Tim Hurst, Maurcen Hamilton, Donnette Hall, Rufus Money, Ashley Canley, Steven Cole, and Mavis Beckworth.

## Two prominent Elba citizens killed in auto accident

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

Two prominent Elba citizens died following a two car accident Thursday night.

Mary Louise Collier, age 74, died Thursday night in a Dothan hospital. Robert L. Marsh, age 75, died Friday in the same hospital.

The accident happened at about 6:45 p.m. Thursday at the intersection of Salem Road and Highway 167, just north of Enterprise.

These injured in the accident included Mrs. Gwendolyn Marsh, wife of Robert Marsh and Sam Collier, husband of Mary Collier. Mrs. Marsh was treated in an Enterprise hospital and released Sunday. She continues to recuperate at home.

Mr. Collier was transferred to a Dothan hospital Thursday night, where he underwent surgery and remains at press time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. Collier were reportedly enroute to the FL Rucker Officers Club for dinner at the time of the accident.

The driver of the other vehicle was Lee Davis Walker, of New Brockton. He was also treated at the Enterprise hospital.

Walker was reportedly traveling South on Highway 167 when the Oldsmobile driven by Mr. Marsh pulled into his path.

Medical officials told family members that Marsh had suffered from an aneurysm in his head, which ruptured prior to the accident.

Obituary information on Mrs. Collier and Mr. Marsh is on Page 3 of this issue of The Elba Clipper.

## BE CAREFUL

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ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon. - 5:15 p.m. City Hall (after City Council meeting)  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ Dothan  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supp. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
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MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Wood. Room - Colony Inn, Enterprise  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday - 12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room  
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport Hangar

COFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITIES ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House  
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**ONE DIES IN WRECK SATURDAY EVENING** A one vehicle accident Saturday night claimed the life of Jimmy Thigpen, age 47, of Elba. Thigpen was a passenger in a pick-up truck driven by Gary Smith, age 40, also of Elba. The wreck happened on Coffee County Highway 306, just north of Elba in the Lee Community. Both Thigpen and Smith were ejected from the truck. Smith was taken to the Elba hospital and transferred by MAST helicopter to Dothan for treatment of multiple injuries. Thigpen was pronounced dead at the scene. Neither man was wearing a seatbelt.

State Trooper R. W. Whitworth reported the vehicle apparently left the highway in a curve. When the driver attempted to regain control, the truck left the highway on the opposite side and turned end over several times, ejecting both passengers, before coming to rest.

## ELBA POLICE REPORT DECEMBER 20 Thru DECEMBER 26, 1994

## Persian Gulf War Vets & Their Undiagnosed Diseases

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, December 20, 1994, investigated the following incidents: one motor vehicle accident, one theft, one leaving the scene of an accident, one burglary, one harassment, one assault, one unauthorized criminal mischief, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, one child abuse, and one damage to a house.

No arrests were made during the week.

The following traffic citations were issued: two for speeding, one for driving while driver's license was suspended, and two for illegally parking in a handicapped parking zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows: **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20** - River stage 5:35 feet (7:05 a.m.); Disturbance on Kinston Highway (4:45 p.m.); Routine activity.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21** - Alarm at Elba High School (1:15 a.m.); River stage 5:25 feet (7:33 a.m.); Wreck in the Big Bear parking lot (2:03 p.m.); Robbery reported on West St. (7:30 p.m.); Subject reported with a gun on Reynolds St. (8:25 p.m.); Fight reported in the Elba Villas' parking lot (11:39 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22** - River stage 5:15 feet (6:56 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Adkinson St. (7:09 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on E. Davis St. (9:38 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence in Curtis Community (1:20 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23** - Disturbance in Kennedy Estates (1:18 a.m.); River stage 5:17 feet (6:59 a.m.); Disturbance at Beaver Dam Apts. (8:50 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Taylor Mill Road (11:50 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 201 (11:50 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (2:35 p.m.); Disturbance on Taylor Mill Road (9:12 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Lake Dr. (11:13 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24** - Alarm at Ace Hardware (12:44 a.m.); Alarm at Powell's Trailer Park (2:07 a.m.); River stage 5:15 feet (7:17 a.m.); Wreck at Elba Cosh & Carry on Reese Ave. (11:44 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Claxton Ave. (2:16 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 141 (3:12 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 306 (5:54 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Martin Luther King Dr. (6:25 p.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 141 (10:25 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25** - River stage no report; Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (3:30 p.m.); Prowler reported on Adkinson St. (11:50 p.m.).

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26** - River stage 5:05 feet (7:26 a.m.); Burglary reported on Buford St. (12:45 p.m.); Disturbance in emergency room at Elba General Hospital (5:02 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 334 (9:17 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Wayne St. (9:42 p.m.).

**LOCAL FAMILY RETURNS HOME** RALPH AARON & ROSE PRESCOTT AARON have settled in Dothan after retirement from the U.S. Navy.

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## Area Deaths

### JOSEPH WYATT RUSSELL

Joseph Wyatt Russell, age 64 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, December 22, 1994 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, December 24, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Johnny Padalino officiating.

Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Myrl Free Russell of Elba, AL; a son, Mike Russell of Elba, AL; two daughters, Susan Parker of Elba, AL and Phoebe Miller of Samson, AL; a step-daughter, Henrietta Taylor of Elba, AL; a sister, Mike Coon of Elba, AL; a sister, Roslyn Walford of Dothan, AL; 8 grandchildren.

**JOANN JOHNSON**  
Joann Johnson, age 44 of New Brockton, Alabama, died Saturday, December 24, 1994 in an Enterprise, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 27, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial followed in the New Haven Church Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Johnson of New Brockton, AL; two sons, Kenneth Dewayne Johnson and Jimmy Lee Johnson, both of Elba, AL; two sisters, Polite Mitchell of Elba, AL, and Hazel Mitchell of Jack, AL; a brother, Corky Richards of Elba, AL; three grandchildren.

**MARY LOUISE MORGAN COLLIER**  
Mary Louise Morgan Collier, age 74 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, December 22, 1994 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, December 26, 1994 from the Elba First Baptist Church with Rev. John Frank Lindsey and Dr. Frank Wells officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Sam Collier of Elba, AL; two daughters, Harnet Collier Westbrook and Heidi Collier Green, both of Birmingham, AL; two sons-in-law, James C. Westbrook III and James Hammett Green, both of Birmingham, AL; one grandson, James Craig Westbrook IV of Birmingham, AL.

Mrs. Collier was a life time resident of Elba, AL and Coffee County. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Elba First Baptist Church Library Fund.

**WILLIE B. "BILL" SANDERS**  
Willie B. "Bill" Sanders, age 73 of Glenwood, Alabama, died Monday, December 19, 1994 in an Elba, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 21, 1994 from Skeen Funeral Home Chapel, Troy, AL, with Rev. Leon Fortune officiating.

Burial followed in White Rock Cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Oscar W. Sanders of Glenwood, AL; 5 daughters and two sons-in-law, Pat and Edward Driggers, Martha and Rev. Charles McCullough, and Mary

**WILLIE MAC BOLKUM**  
Willie Mac Bolcum, age 84, of Elba died in Syracuse, NY.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, December 29th, 1994, from New Zion Baptist Church with Rev. W. L. Peterson officiating.

Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing.

The family will receive friends at the chapel on Wednesday evening from 7 until 9 p.m.

**MYRTLE ALICE STOKES HAWKINS**  
Myrtle Alice Stokes Hawkins, age 82 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, December 22, 1994 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 24, 1994 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter, Myra H. Stokes of Elba, AL; two sisters, Mary Nell Hollis of Brantley, AL and Martha Belle Baskley of Birmingham, AL; two brothers, Bill Stokes of Elba, AL and Charlie Mack Stokes of Auburn, AL; three granddaughters, Gina L. Williamson, Teri A. Caver, and Lori J. Campbell, all of Elba, AL; four great grandchildren.

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# Socials

## Bass-Tew united in marriage July 31st

Miss Tiffany Sharpe Tew and Mr. Jamie Bass were united in a beautiful candlelight wedding ceremony at seven in the evening, on July 30, 1994 in the sanctuary of New Hope Baptist Church. Reverend J.C. Turner of Troy performed the impressive double ring ceremony before a large assemblage of friends and relatives.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. (Buddy) Bowers, Jr. of Elba and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Tew of Arion. Her grandparents are Mrs. Florence Tew and the late Iris Tew, Sr. of Brundidge, the late Eugene and Lillian Akridge of Ozark, Mrs. Mary Irene Bowers and the late George M. Bowers, Sr. of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald F. Bass of the New Hope Community. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fillingim of the New Hope Community and Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bass of New Brockton.

The entry doors of the church were adorned with mixed sprays of fresh green foliage, flowing coral ribbon and white wedding bells. Upon entering the church, the guests were greeted by Mr. Caleb Dyess and Mr. Jacob Forbes of Elba, friends of the bride, who presented wedding programs to the guests. Miss Julie Bowers of Elba, cousin of the bride, presided over the bridal registry. A crystal candleholder and burning taper nestled in mixed greenery and baby's breath added a soft glow to the registry table. A round white cloth, and Battenburg overlay, draped the table which held the bride's book and feather pen. The guests were escorted to their seats by Mr. Job Bowers of Elba, brother of the bride, and Mr. Brett Benbow, friend of the bride and groom.

Vows were exchanged before a magnificent background of candlelight, flowers and greenery. The choir loft was aglow with a 15 branch fan candleabra beautifully providing a centerpiece to the choir and altar area. On either side of the arch were two spiral candleabras. The arch and spirals were filled with garlands of fresh greenery and jade palms, accompanied by enormous Boston ferns filling the areas between and across the front of the piano and organ. A massive cathedral arrangement of bright European cut flowers of white gladioli, coral snapdragons, asters, roses, lilies, agapanthus, fuchsias, and larkspur were positioned on each side of the piano and organ. The guest pews were draped with cascades of greenery and spring fern. The remaining pews were also adorned with bows of coral satin.

Each of the beautiful stained glass windows held a large hurricane globe, aglow with ivory candles encircled in a mixture of fresh greenery and baby's breath. The prayer bench, centered in the pulpit area, and the unity candle, positioned to the right on the lower level, were tied with coral ribbons on a background of mixed greenery and spring fern.

A program of nuptial music was presented by Mrs. Pam Baker of Elba, organist, and Mr. Mike Lindsey of Daleville, pianist. Vocalists were Miss Alecia Morris and Mr. Nauman Strength of Enterprise.



Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Bass

"Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place," was performed by Mr. Strength after the seating of the couple's mothers. After the opening prayer, Miss Morris sang "There is Love." Following the profession of vows, Mr. Strength sang "Through the Years." A duet to "Only God Could Love You More" was performed by the bride and groom. During the lighting of the unity candle, Miss Morris and Mr. Strength sang, "In Your Eyes." The wedding party entered the sanctuary as Mrs. Pam Baker played "The Wedding March."

Escorted by her father, Allen Tew, and stepfather, George M. (Buddy) Bowers, Jr., and given in marriage by her parents, the bride was radiant in a formal gown of white bridal satin and re-embroidered alenon lace. The fitted drop-waist bodice featured a sweetheart neckline heavily adorned with seed pearls and bridal sequins, front and back. The satin sleeves, puffed at the shoulders, fit tightly down the arm and were enhanced with intricate patterns of lace, beaded with pearls and sequin iridescents. The sleeves tapered to beaded points at the wrist and were complemented with rows of pearl iridescents. The fitted straight skirt was enhanced with matching lace cutouts, beaded with sequins and iridescents, which extended over the cathedral length and baby's breath. The prayer bench, centered in the pulpit area, and the unity candle, positioned to the right on the lower level, were tied with coral ribbons on a background of mixed greenery and spring fern.

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The bride's gown was elegantly highlighted with pearls and sequins. The bride wore a single strand of pearls borrowed from a friend and matching earrings. Satin shoes covered in white rose buds.

Mr. Jody Bass of New Hope, brother of the groom, served as Best Man. Groomsmen were Mr. Troy Fillingim and Mr. Todd Killingsworth of New Hope, Mr. Kevin Killingsworth and Mr. Darren Bass of Enterprise, cousins of the groom, and Mr. Randy Flowers of Elba. Ushers were Mr. Job Bowers, brother of the bride, and Mr. Brett Benbow. The groomsmen wore black Spencer tuxedos, complemented with white pleated shirts, black cummerbunds and bowties. Fathers of the couple were dressed in black Palm Beach tuxedos, cummerbunds and bowties.

The groom was handsome in a Lisbon black tuxedo tuxedo, white tuxedo front shirt and white wing tipped collar, satin vest and bowtie by Mitchell. He wore a boutonniere of white rose buds.

Master Dustin Lewis of Ozark, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer. He also wore a Lisbon black tuxedo, featuring a tailcoat, white satin vest, and bowtie. Dustin carried a white satin pillow, edged in lace, by Mrs. Arnelina Fillingim, grandmother of the groom.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs. Bowers chose a coral two-piece suit of silk slanting embellished with lace appliques beaded with seed pearls and sequin iridescents. She wore a glameila corsage accented with lace and ribbon. She was escorted to the unity candle and to her seat by her son, Job Bowers.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Bass, selected an ecru two-piece fitted suit of silk slanting embellished with lace overlay, featuring pearl buttons encased in gold. She wore a glameila corsage accented with lace and ribbon. She was escorted to the unity candle and to her seat by her son, Job Bowers.

After the wedding rehearsal, the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronie Bass, entertained the wedding party and other guests with an after-rehearsal dinner in the church Fellowship Hall. A buffet of barbecue and trimmings with delicious dessert was served to the guests seated at tables decorated with linen cloths, centerpieces with fresh cut flowers and mixed with greenery. The fellowship hall was decorated with beautiful white cutwork garden furniture, surrounded by lovely groupings of Boston ferns.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Judy F. Killingsworth of New Hope, aunt of the groom.

**Reception**  
Immediately following the wedding ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception in the church Fellowship Hall. Lining the walkway to the reception area, were hurricane lamps tied with coral satin ribbons. The double entrance doors were adorned with mixed sprays of greenery and coral ribbon, and bows. The guests entered the reception, they were greeted by Miss Misty Bryant of Troy, cousin of the bride, who presided over the registry table. The table was decorated with a round ruffled cloth and Battenburg overlay which held a crystal candleholder, surrounded by fresh greenery and baby's breath. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with enormous Boston ferns, studded with white decorative columns. The windows were lit by hurricane candles which added a soft glow.

A kitchen shower was given by Mrs. Catherine Miller in her home on Reese Avenue on June 4, 1994. Beautiful bouquets of fresh cut spring flowers and roses decorated her lovely home. Guests enjoyed fruit punch, cake and mixed fruit.

**Bridal Shower**  
A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mrs. Gary Allen on Woodland Drive June 26, 1994. Other hostesses were Mrs. Linda Mills, Mrs. Becky Ellis, Mrs. Marlene Manning, Mrs. Benita Dyess, Mrs. Wayne Flowers, Mrs. Diane Bouwell, Mrs. Nancy Crowe, Mrs. Marsha Oggs, Mrs. Lyn Lewis, Mrs. Cathy Pippin, Mrs. Doris Pippin, Mrs. Bobbie Bowers, Mrs. Valerie McGuire, Mrs. Mary Deupree, Mrs. Sherri Peak, Mrs. Rhonda Stephens, Mrs. Elaine Shirley, Mrs. Carol Wilson, Mrs. Bertie Boland, and Mrs. Sara Smith.

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Mrs. Suzie Butts and Mrs. Charlotte Lynn hosted a bridal luncheon for the bride and her bridal party on July 30, 1994, at Elba's Tea Room in Elba. A delicious lunch of mixed salad greens topped with fresh cut vegetables and dressing, baked ribs, cheese biscuits, chicken quiche, iced tea and assorted desserts were served to each guest. The bride presented pearl and rhinestone earrings to her bridesmaids while the mother of the bride presented her daughter with a Bridal Memory Book.

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The reception area held two long tables joined by a round center table. The tables were draped with white cloths and Battenburg overlays. A mirrored pedestal held a massive Eucalyptus floral arrangement of white gladioli, coral asters, roses, lilies, fuchsias, and larkspur. The centerpiece was a beautiful hand-carved watermelon basket, cascaded with fruit varieties, was sculpted by Mrs. Sarah Burks of Troy. A large fresh treasure chest which held sandwich fingers of delicious chicken salad. Other delicacies included Italian meatballs, cheese straws, varieties of cheese balls and assorted crackers, roasted pecans, pretzels coated in white chocolate, ham and vegetable kabobs, medley of fresh cut vegetables and assorted garden fresh dip.

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Little Miss Katie Dyess of Elba, Charlotte Eageron, Mrs. Rita Prow-friend of the bride, distributed birdseed bells to the guests during the reception.

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# Socials



Pictured above are: (seated) Miss Kim Hallmark - honoree; (standing, left to right) Mrs. Gordon Hallmark, Mrs. A.C. Brunson Jr., Mrs. A.C. Brunson Sr., and Mrs. Van McCall.

## Miss Hallmark honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Kim Hallmark, bride-elect of Mr. Art Brunson, was honored with a miscellaneous bridal shower on December 11, 1994, at the lovely home of Mrs. Van McCall. Mrs. McCall's home was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Season. The front door was adorned with a pretty Christmas wreath of greenery and red ribbon trimmed with gold.

The guests were then invited to view the many lovely gifts on display in the bedrooms.

The hostesses for this special occasion were: Mrs. Mac Moore, Mrs. Ceciver Murdock, Mrs. Bob Robert-

son, Mrs. Fred Moore, Mrs. Winfred Hataway, Mrs. Wayne Marler, Mrs. Ray Goodson, Mrs. Billy English, Mrs. Billy Owens, Mrs. Tommy Morrow, Mrs. Harold Berry, Mrs. Ken Amison, Mrs. Gus McCall, Mrs. Butch Oggs, Mrs. Mike Amison, Mrs. Randy Bedsole, Mrs. Bill Oggs, Mrs. Bobby King, Mrs. Billy Davis, Mrs. Harold Kelley, Mrs. Fred Clark, Mrs. Charles Clark, and Mrs. Van McCall.

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## LBW College announces fall quarter honor students

LBW College President Seth Hammett has announced academic honor students for the 1994 Fall Quarter. A total of 65 students were named to the President's List and 89 students have been named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List.

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ly for the President's List.  
Local President's List honoree is Jason Levon Lee of Kinston.  
Local Dean's List honoree is Laura Denise Hall of Elba.

**Southern Union announces fall quarter President's & Dean's lists**  
Southern Union State Community College recently announced the President's and Dean's lists for all campuses for Fall Quarter 1994. Requirements for the President's List are a quarterly grade point average of 4.0 and completion of a minimum quarterly course load of 12 quarter credit hours of college-level work. Dean's List requirements include a quarterly grade point average of 3.5 or above but below 4.0 and completion of a minimum quarterly course load of 12 quarter credit hours of college-level work.

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## Bruce Brinkworth R.P.T., joins Coffee County Health Dept. staff

The Alabama Department of Public Health is pleased to announce the addition of another physical therapist, Bruce A. Brinkworth, R.P.T., to our staff in Coffee and Dale Counties.

As with Home Health Nursing Services, Physical Therapy Services are available to those with Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS, V.A., and private insurance, as well as medically indigent.

For referrals or more information, please call: Coffee County Health Department (205) 247-9574, ext. 277; Dale County Health Department (205) 774-3111.

We look forward to serving the citizens of Coffee and Dale Counties with this additional physical therapist.

## Kinston First Assembly to host New Year's Revival

New Year's Revival at Kinston First Assembly of God will be held January 1-13, 1995 at 7:00 nightly. The evangelist will be Keith Glines. A Kid's Kampmeeting will be held January 9-13, 1995 from 7:00-8:30 each night featuring the GBI (Gospel Bureau of Investigation). The Kid's

Kampmeetings will be held in the fellowship hall during the revival services. Sunday services will be held at the regular times, with no Saturday services. The church is located on Alabama Highway 189 in Kinston. Everyone is welcome.

## Mustard Seed Foundation to sponsor Gospel Sing

The Mustard Seed Senior Citizens are sponsoring a gospel sing to sing the old year out and the new year in. The singing will be December 31, 1994 at 8:00 p.m. The featured groups will be the New Covenant Singers and the Living Proof

**\*\*\* ANNOUNCING \*\*\***  
We will be closed on Saturday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year Holiday.

We will resume regular banking services on Tuesday, January 3rd.

We adopted this schedule so our employees could enjoy the holiday with friends and family.

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# Church

<b>DOCKAS BAPTIST CHURCH -</b> Dunnie Marler Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST -</b> Bill Beck, MINISTER Bible Study ..... 9:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.	<b>HARRIS T. B. Ellison</b> Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Non-Serv. Tues. 10:00 a.m. TWP. Wed. 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Thurs. Prayer Serv. Thurs. Choir Rehears. Thurs. Live Broadcast. Thurs.
<b>IN HIM WAS THE LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.</b> <b>THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WED. AT 11:45.</b> <b>HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB 1350 AM - 12:00 PM - Sun. - Rev. John Rodgers</b> <b>Non Devotion WELB Monday thru Friday 12:05 - 12:25 p.m. - Bill Beck</b>	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD -</b> Lamar Dean Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> J. L. Grayer Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice each Thurs. before 10 a.m. Prayer Service on 3rd Sundays	<b>HOWARD L. GORD</b> Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Church Training ..... 5:15 p.m.
<b>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Rev. John W. McCrammon Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Church Training ..... 5:15 p.m. Even. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHET - J. E. Wesley</b> Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m. Training Union ..... 7:00 p.m. Even. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Randall Parfitt Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>INNO ASSEMBLY</b> Wesley D. Smith Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Church Training ..... 5:15 p.m.
<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH -</b> Johnny Padalino Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m. Church Training ..... 6:30 p.m. Even. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE - J. N. Parfitt</b> Sun. School ..... 11:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>FATHI CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Paul Smith Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY</b> Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST -</b> J. J. Hawley Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 5:30 p.m. Church Training ..... 6:30 p.m. Even. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Kidd</b> Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Mon. Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m. You. Serv. - Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GODS - Robert Brown</b> Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Mon. Service ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m. C.A. (Youth) ..... 5:30 p.m. Evang. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m. W.B. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>KINSTON FIRE CHURCH</b> Lee Swadlow Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
<b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST -</b> E. H. Hill Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Frank Wells</b> Sun. School ..... 9:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Supper ..... 6:15 p.m.	<b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH - Paul Foster</b> Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m. Even. Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>LIFEBY CHURCH</b> Greg Hanch Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
<b>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden</b> Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service ..... 5:00 p.m. Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Serv. ..... 7:00 p.m. Visitation Thursday nights 7:00 p.m. RAY & GAY - Wed. 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - John Bryan</b> Sun. School ..... 9:45 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 10:50 a.m. You. Serv. ..... 6:00 p.m. Even. Service ..... 6:00 p.m. MYT ..... 6:00 p.m.	<b>GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie P. Palmer</b> Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.	<b>STONY BAIN</b> Billy P. Palmer Sun. School ..... 10:00 a.m. Mon. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Training Union ..... 6:00 p.m. Even. Serv. ....

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Whitewater Baptist Church

## Apply yourself to finding solutions

I hope you have enjoyed a Merry Christmas and I pray that you will experience a Happy New Year. I believe all of us can have a great year if we will not focus on all the problems that may come up, but apply ourselves to finding solutions. Jesus Christ will give us the strength to cope with all situations. He will give us real peace in our lives. I think this inward peace can be maintained if we will do six things:

1. If we would get rid of our sense of guilt by accepting God's forgiveness and starting anew.  
2. If we would make things right with anyone in the world with whom we are at odds, even if we have to humble ourselves, ask forgiveness and make restitution.

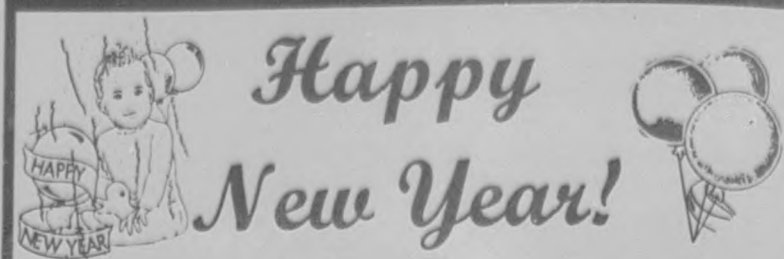
3. If we would aim to live each day within the will of God, thereby keeping our sense of values straight.  
4. If we would take time each day, however short, for a time of meditative prayer.  
5. If we would just live one day at a time. We should plan ahead with as much wisdom as possible, but be content with doing the very best you can today.

6. If we would keep our thoughts on God's purpose for our life, know- ing that He wants the very best for His children.

Make 1995 the year you seek God's will in your life, and live each day to the fullest. See you in church Sunday!

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Thinking of you, praying for you, Jamie Brockton, Grace Phillips, Gary Smith, William Magwood, Costellus Lawrence, the Marsh family, the Collier family, the Russell family, Mrs. Leslie Davis, Miss Aquilla Patton, Mrs. Nora Jackson, Mrs. Pearl Whigham, Mr. Earl Amore, Mr. John E. Folmar, Mrs. Mae Young, Mrs. Jessie Bell, Miss Mattie Ruth Henderson, Mrs. Vera Williams, the Thigpen family.

Milton Belcher, Betty and Ki Ki of Montgomery, AL were guests in the home of Grover and Eria Belcher on Christmas Eve.

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## Christmas Time

This beautiful time of year rolls around again.

Family, friends and guests are already living in.

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It is better to give than to receive, but they both are among good deeds. Singing, having fun, and giving thanks, little kids caroling, jumping around and playing pranks.

Present giving time is almost here and Grandma's cooking for everyone is there. And there is really no time to spare.

We all should be smiling and rejoicing in His Holy Name; even we may not have riches, publicity or even fame.

There were some that didn't believe in Jesus and there are some that don't today.

All we can do is ask the Lord to help them, when we pray from day to day.

Although the New Year is almost here, are there things that we should fear?

The real reason this holiday season is so nice, because we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Kurtis Kelley was the Phi Student at Elba High School Alpha Delta Award for the Most

Outstanding Member of his law school class. Long is authorized to practice law before the Alabama Supreme Court and the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Long is a 1993 graduate of Leadership Birmingham and serves on the Program Committee for its 1994 class. He is a member of the Edward S. Norton Board of Advisors to Birmingham Southern College, the Alabama Democratic Leadership Council, and the Education Committee for the Birmingham Area Chamber of Commerce. A ten year veteran of the United States Air Force, Long received the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.

Long received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alabama and his Masters of Public Administration from Valdosta State University. A Cum Laude graduate of the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University, Long received the Lewis F. Powell Award as Excellence in Oral Advocacy. He also was awarded the Phi

Alpha Delta Award for the Most

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Maxwell Hooks, Elba and Andalusia, visited Eugene Williams and James Williams in Phoenix, AZ. Another place of interest was Old Mexico. He also visited Jerry Hooks in California, recently.

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Ki Ki Belcher of Montgomery, AL and Kim Rideaux of Opelika, AL were spend the night guests of Ernestine Kelley and the Kelley Kids during Christmas week-end.

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Today is a good day. Be grateful. Eria

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## Tiger Tales

Editor: Elena Strong  
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## FBLA Members Visit Nursing Home

Several members of the Elba High School Future Business Leaders of America Club prepared fruit for the residents of the Elba Nursing Home for Thanksgiving. Apples and oranges were placed in individual bags. A streamer which said "Happy Thanksgiving from Elba High School FBLA" was placed inside and made to hang from each bag.

The members who participated in preparing the fruit bags were Leigh Kelley, Misty Kelley, Tawana Rodgers, Bonnie Vaughan, Marsha Mauldin, and Elizabeth Strong.

Margo Gray, Mary Margaret Jacobs, and Wendy Brouwer delivered the fruit bags to the nursing home. While at the

## EHS Students Share New Year's Resolutions

by Elena Strong

Eating black-eyed peas, watching the ball drop on Times Square, and counting down the seconds until the new year, are all a part of the pompous celebration traditions for New Year's. Making new year's resolutions is also a very popular ritual utilized annually by people hoping to improve some aspect of their lives. Recently, students were randomly asked to share their New Year's Resolutions with the Tiger Tales staff. Read ahead to learn the Goals and intentions of several EHS students for 1995.

**My New Year's Resolution Is...**

To lose weight. *Beverly Benbow*

To become a better person and have a positive attitude toward everyone and everything. *Nicole Bryan*

To study a little bit for science and geography. *Stephen Adcock*

To not make a C on my report card and learn how to spell resolution. *Jep DuBoise*

To work hard at whatever I set my mind on doing and to act more responsibly. *Kurtis Kelley*

To do my homework at night instead of trying to do it the next day at school. *Telesha Daniels*

To take off a few pounds here and there and become a better person. *Telesha Daniels*

To not fight with my friends anymore. *Natasha Banian*

To stop staying up until 4:00 a.m. and start going to bed at 12:00 a.m. *Kethia Daniels*

To stop biting my fingernails and to be a nicer person. *Kayla Phillips*

To be a nicer person. *Nicole Robinson*

To study harder for Chemistry. *Jill Martin*

To be more tolerable of others. *Karen Schindler*

To study more! *Angie Parrish*

To stop forgetting my lunch money. *Dougie Marler*

To be more active in sports and make better grades. *Leroy Smedley*

To have an "A" in Physics every six weeks this year. *Jerry Ross*

To stop playing with fire and be student of the month every month until I die. *Joe Lott*

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To start doing my homework. *Angie Crocker*

To learn to be faithful. *Denise Burks*

To try to spend less time on the phone and more time studying! *Emily Bryan*

To make new friends, help people that need help, and sit back and enjoy the rest of the year at Elba High School! *Niki Daniels*

To make better grades in English and save more money to buy a yearbook. *Costellus Lawrence*

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To be nicer to my brother and sisters, to bring up my grades, and be nicer to my friends. *Deana Farris*

To make better grades, especially in Algebra! *Laura Crowe*

To try to quit talking in class. *Andrea Carley*

To be nicer to people and stop talking so much in class! *Cassie Crittenden*

To make better grades in Social Studies. *Kevin Dodd*

To pay more attention in Physics, make a C on my ACT, and lose weight. *Mary Margaret Jacobs*

To stop putting everything off until the last minute and try to do the impossible, get along with Douglas. *Conny Cooper*

To be more patient and understanding and not worry so much. *Melissa Hall*

To make better grades in school and try to help people more! *Margo Gray*

To make better grades and get a football scholarship. *Todd Hooks*

To study more and make better grades. *Rudy Free*

To try to not get in trouble at school, home, or anywhere. *David Chestnut*

To be a better person. *Emilee Benbow*

To try to spend less time studying and more time on the phone. *Lee English*

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## Views From

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Another Christmas has come and gone, and at the Mularz house it was a very Merry Christmas. The girls got up around 3 o'clock Sunday morning to check out their presents, but let Mom and Dad sleep until almost 7 o'clock before deciding it was time for everyone to get up. They brought almost every gift to us to look at, told us what was in their stockings and soon were ready to open the gifts under the tree. It took almost two hours before the stockings were emptied and all the presents were opened; however, the excitement was still very much present on Monday morning and it looks like this will be a Christmas they will remember for quite some time!

## NEW YEAR SHOULD BRING NEW EXCITEMENT

The new year is just a couple of days away, and for the area basketball teams, it looks like the new year will bring with it the continuation of an already exciting basketball season. Here's a quick look at what might happen in the days ahead...

**\*ELBA TIGERS** - The Tigers carried a 1-2 record into the holidays and didn't really figure on winning a lot of games against teams like Enterprise and Ozark, but will get into the heart of their schedule next week and the excitement should become evident. Up next for the Tigers are matchups with New Brockton, Kinston and Brantley, all of which are area rivals, and after two good weeks of practice, Elba should be ready to start putting some wins on the board. Win or lose, look for a much better Elba team to hit the court.

**\*NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS** - The Gamecocks won their own holiday tournament and have quietly emerged as one of the top teams in this part of the state. The Gamecocks have yet to play an entire game, but have enough talent to take a quarter off and still win. When the Gamecocks get back their walking wounded and start playing like the team their coach wants on the court, the wins will really pile up and New Brockton will be a team to keep an eye on.

**\*KINSTON BULLDOGS** - The Bulldogs have overcome their early season woes and appear to be settling into a solid 1A club. Kinston took it on the chin early on after losing some key players for various reasons; however, the Bulldogs showed signs of being an excellent team in the New Brockton tourney, and as they put all the pieces together, could merge into a really good team. Kinston's won-loss record may be misleading, but these Bulldogs will be a team to reckon with.

**\*ZION CHAPEL REBELS** - The Rebels have only one win to show for the early part of the season, but anyone who has seen the Rebels play will tell you that they have a very good basketball team and simply have yet to fit together into a cohesive unit. Zion Chapel has shown against all opponents that it can play with anybody, and the Rebels have been getting better and better. Don't let it surprise you when the Rebels start pulling off some upsets.

**\*BRANTLEY BULLDOGS** - A lot of folks have already written off the Bulldogs just because they failed to win any of the three tournaments in which they played over the holidays. Don't let that fool you! The Bulldogs aren't as good as the Brantley teams from the past, that is true. However, Brantley has played a very tough schedule and is still trying to find out just what will be the right line-up down the road. When the Bulldogs get the right folks on the floor and stop experimenting, their bite will return.

## MCKINNON'S STOCKING FILLED WITH AWARDS

It has really been amazing to sit back and watch Elba's Ronald McKinnon pile up the post-season honors after leading the North Alabama Lions to their second straight Division II national title. McKinnon was expected to be the main weapon on the Lions defense after last year's 14-0 championship run; however, this year has been nothing short of astounding as McKinnon has been named All-American by every organization to be founded, and has earned "Player of the Year" honors from far and wide. Elba has had its share of college standouts over the years, and players like Ted Horstad, Gary Bradshaw and Russ Wood have all brought fame to their former school. The attention drawn by McKinnon is unbelievable; however, and our own "Lion King" has made Elba folks mighty proud!

## IN CLOSING...

I just shook my head last week when the talks broke down and the baseball owners put their salary cap into effect. People like us that work two jobs just to try to make a living don't understand the life of the millionaire owners and players, and maybe it's best, because when someone makes a couple of million dollars playing a game, or watching a team play a game, they don't live in the real world anyway. If one could care less if any of the current players ever return to the field, and hope the minor leagues will get a chance to play in the big show and will return the game to what it is a game.

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Elba's Cory Howe (86)

## Coach Weeks expecting better things in '95

The Elba Tigers will return to the court next week after a long holiday rest and Coach Dan Weeks is confident that Elba fans will see an improved team when the Tigers return to action. "It would have helped to play during the holidays," added Weeks, "but the only tournaments we could have played in were tournaments

## Brantley settles for 3rd place in Andalusia Christmas event

The Brantley Bulldogs saw their two-year reign as champions of the Andalusia Christmas Tournament come to an end last week as the Bulldogs were upset in the semifinals and had to settle for third place in the eight-team event. Brantley opened the tournament with a 66-56 win over Georgiana, but was upset by Aliceville 68-65 in the semifinals, and had to defeat Straughn 83-50 in the consolation game to earn third place honors. Andalusia, ranked #1 in the state in 5A, claimed the tourney title with a 98-56 romp over Aliceville, which placed second.

Following are highlights of Brantley's three games:

**BRANTLEY 66 GEORGIANA 56**  
Brantley staged a furious fourth quarter rally to dump the Georgiana Panthers 66-56, in opening round action.

The Bulldogs fell behind 22-14 in the opening stanza against the Panthers, but rallied slightly in the second quarter and by the end of the half had cut the deficit to 35-31. Georgiana remained in command in the third quarter and carried a 50-46 lead into the final stanza, only to see the Bulldogs break loose and outscore the Panthers 20-6 to claim the 66-56 win.

Adrian Person poured in 34 points to lead Brantley, while Eric Crenshaw added 16. Romelle Seals scored 13 for Georgiana.

B 14 17 15 20 - 66  
G 22 13 15 6 - 56

**B'ley (66):** Burnett 9, Pruitt 11, Christen 2, Jones 2, Person 34, Howard 2, Crenshaw 16.  
**G'iana (56):** Shell 2, Webb 3, Seals 13, McCoy 5, Rich 3, Pennington 6, A. Rich 4, Averette 3, Johns 4, Powell 12.

**ALICEVILLE 68 BRANTLEY 65**  
Brantley saw its hopes of winning a third straight tourney title end in the semifinals when Aliceville knocked off the Bulldogs 68-65.

The Bulldogs appeared in control early in the game and jumped out to a 19-12 advantage, only to see Aliceville come storming back and sneak ahead 32-31 by the end of the half.

The teams swapped baskets in the third quarter as neither team could pull away, and Aliceville held on late to claim the upset win.

Adrian Person scored 22 points and Jimmy Burnett added 19 for Brantley, while Summerville scored 17 for Aliceville.

A 12 20 17 19 - 68  
B 19 11 17 18 - 65

**A'ville (68):** Glass 9, Crowell 4, McCall 11, Little 8, L. Little 13, Summerville 17, Shamery 8.  
**B'ley (65):** Burnett 19, Christen 3, Carlisle 4, Jones 4, Cautley 3, Person 22, Crenshaw 10.

**BRANTLEY 83 STRAUGHN 50**  
Brantley pulled ahead in the sec-

## Bo Boyd receives honorable mention

## Elba's Howe named All-State

The Montgomery Advertiser named its 1994 High School "All-State" football teams recently and

included among those on the honored list were Elba's Cory Howe, a first team selection, and Bo Boyd,

## Elba's Cory Howe leads seven players on ASWA All-State squad

The Alabama Sportswriters Association recently announced its 1994 "All-State" football selections and included among those honored was one player each from Kinston and New Brockton, two players from Elba and three players from Brantley.

Kinston tight-end Anthony Jones and New Brockton defensive lineman Marcus Brown both received honorable mention in Class

1A. Elba tight-end Cory Howe was a first team selection in Class 3A, with teammate Bo Boyd receiving honorable mention at offensive tackle.

Brantley linebacker Pete Hill was a first team selection in Class 2A, with teammates Jason Fox (offensive line) and Ivan Christen (defensive back) both receiving honorable mention.

"It would have helped to play during the holidays," added Weeks, "but the only tournaments we could have played in were tournaments

with much bigger teams, and with our inexperience, I just didn't think it would do us any good to go out and play against teams we couldn't beat. We got in a lot of practice during the break, and it did us more good than playing the people we'd have had to play."

"This year's team is inexperienced and doesn't have any standouts," Weeks stated, "but this team has a tremendous work habit and the players are all willing to do whatever it takes to improve. They have to be run out of the gym after practice, and they are starving to get better and win more games."

"Our schedule certainly doesn't get any easier," said Weeks, "but next week we do play some area rivals in New Brockton, Kinston and Brantley, and the players will be excited about the games. Win or lose, I can assure you the players will give a winning effort and we will improve as they go along."

## Recreation Boosters sought to help off-set high expenses

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has announced various events for schools and other organizations, to help the department overcome the high cost of equipment and recent budget restrictions.

"The Recreation Department has been the sole sponsor for all youth sports for many years," stated Recreation Director Ricky Mularz, "and in recent years the high cost of equipment, uniforms and insurance has increased drastically.

"A 'Recreation Booster' will have their name imprinted on the sleeve

of their team's jersey, and receive a certain amount of money as a booster. The cost of sponsoring a team as a 'Booster' is \$50 per team, and the booster may choose in which sport they wish to sponsor a team.

"We realize that the area businesses are asked to help sponsor various events for schools and other organizations," added Mularz, "but in surrounding towns the businesses always sponsor various youth teams, and the cost is much more than \$50. Any individual, or business, may sponsor a team, or as many teams as they like, in any sport. It will get the sponsor's name out in public and will show everyone that attends the games that they care about the youth in our town and about the recreation department."

Checks may be mailed to: Elba Parks and Recreation, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama, 36323, and should be made out to Elba Recreation Dept. - Booster Fund.

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who received honorable mention.

Howe, a 6-4, 220-pound, senior tight-end, caught 22 passes for 239 yards and one touchdown in leading the Tigers to the third round of the Class 3A playoffs.

Bo Boyd, a 6-2, 260-pound, senior tackle, made 34 solo tackles and 6 assists for the Tigers, with 3 tackles for losses and 3 quarterback sacks.

## Brantley places six players on All-State squad

The Montgomery Advertiser announced its 1994 "All-State" high school football teams recently and included on the 2A list were six members of the Brantley Bulldogs.

Named to the "All-State" first team were running back Morco Jones (5-10, 190, junior), offensive lineman Jason Fox (6-2, 220, senior), linebacker Pete Hill (6-0, 235, junior) and defensive back Ivan Christen (5-10, 175, senior).

Bulldogs receiving honorable mention were tight-end Eric Crenshaw (5-11, 185, senior) and wide-receiver Jimmy Burnett (6-1, 175, senior).

## Jones &amp; Brown included on 1A All-State team

The Montgomery Advertiser announced its 1994 "All-State" high school football teams recently and included on the list of 1A honors were Kinston's Anthony Jones and New Brockton's Marcus Brown, both of whom received honorable mention.

Jones (6-3, 205, senior) received mention at tight-end, while Brown (6-2, 210, senior) received mention as a defensive lineman.

## Sports

## Elba's Ronald McKinnon unanimous All-American

## McKinnon is "Lion King" at UNA

When a college football team wins two straight national championships there are many players that play important roles. That has certainly been the case over the past two seasons as the University of North Alabama Lions have claimed back-to-back NCAA Division II titles.

The stars shine brightly at North Alabama; however, the brightest star during the 1994 season has shone on Elba's Ronald McKinnon, a linebacker for the Lions, that has become perhaps the school's most celebrated football player ever!

After helping North Alabama win its second straight Division II crown, McKinnon has begun to pile up the individual honors as well.

McKinnon was named first-team All-Gulf South Conference for the third consecutive year, was chosen Gulf South Conference "Defensive Player of the Year," and has now been selected to the first team on four different All-American teams.

McKinnon has been named All-American by the Associated Press, the American Coaches Association, the Football Gazette and C.M. Frank.

In addition to the various All-American honors, the junior linebacker was also named the NCAA Division II "Player of the Year" by Danny Sheridan, on the CNN College Football Preview show, and was recently named as the "National Defensive Player of the Year" by both the *Football Gazette* and C.M. Frank.

During the 1994 season, McKinnon led the UNA defense with 110 total tackles, including 110 primary stops, two quarterback sacks, two fumble recoveries and four interceptions.

McKinnon's most dramatic play of the championship season came in the finals, when he intercepted a pass from Texas A & M-Kingsville with 2:22 left in the game at the Lions' 18-yardline, to preserve the Lions' 16-10 win and second straight national championship.

"Being chosen an All-American is truly an honor," stated McKinnon, while at home during the holidays. "Every college football player in the nation in every division works hard to be the best player he can be, and when you are named an All-American it lets you know that some people recognize the hard work you have done and appreciate the way you play."

"Individual honors are nice," added McKinnon, "but it is a team sport and it takes a team effort for anyone to get any individual honors. We have one of the best defensive coaches in the nation in Bill Hyde and some of the best defensive football players in the nation on our team. Without the hard work of every single player, I wouldn't get any honors, and the team wouldn't win any championships."

Another large part of the success at North Alabama over the past two years has been the play of fellow Elba Tiger Anthony Brooks, who overcame a severe knee injury in '93 to start eight games as a senior in '94.

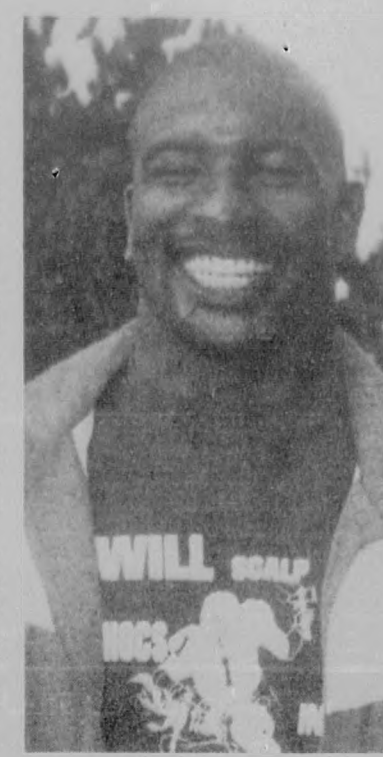
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McKinnon's words of wisdom apparently were taken to heart, as the Lions improved to 7-4-1 in 1992 and in 1993 posted a 14-0 record and claimed the school's first national title.

The Lions' sudden success was paralleled by the success of McKinnon, who as a freshman in 1992 was chosen as the "Freshman of the Year" in the Gulf South Conference and was also named first team All-GSC. The newcomer on defense led UNA with 148 tackles, sixty more than the #2 tackler, McKinnon's impact on the team was immediate, as in his very first collegiate game against Central Missouri State, the freshman made 13 tackles and 5 assists, and recovered two fumbles, which he returned for a total of forty yards.

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Ronald McKinnon

signed. It was the beginning of something special."

In 1993, McKinnon continued to excel, and broke the North Alabama school record with 175 tackles. He also caused five fumbles, broke up three passes, had three quarterback pressures, three tackles for losses, three interceptions and one blocked kick. He returned one of the interceptions for a touchdown, and had 10 or more tackles in nine games, including 20 tackles against Mississippi College.

For his efforts in 1993, the sophomore linebacker was selected first team All-American by the Division II SID's, C.M. Frank and the *Football Gazette*, third team All-American by the Associated Press, first team All-Gulf South Conference and first team All-South Region. He was also named GSC "Player of the Week" once, and in the championship win was named the "National Player of the Week."

When asked about winning the national championship for a second straight year, McKinnon responded "It was a lot harder the second time around. We had to fight for our lives throughout the season, and in the playoffs every single game was a real battle. No one can take anything away from this team, because we earned the title back in 1993 and this year earned it again."

"It is true that we played every playoff game at home the past two years," said McKinnon, "and it is always great to play at home. However, we seem to play even better on the road and could have won the title on the road, or at home. We got to lose the playoff games by being #1, and that was a right we earned. Nothing was handed to this team, it earned everything it accomplished and deserved to win the titles both years."

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year and made some big plays that helped us win the title. I was proud to be a teammate of A.B. at North Alabama and even prouder that he was from Elba."

What turns a 170-pound high school senior into a 230-pound college All-American?

"Hard work, good coaching in high school and college, and a lot of luck," smiled McKinnon. "I knew when I got to North Alabama that I had to get bigger and stronger if I wanted to play, and I've never stopped working. I feel that 230 is my ideal weight, but I still need to get stronger and quicker. I run the forty (40-yard dash) in 4.6 (seconds) and that's not too bad, but I can get faster and it will help me become a better player. One area I have to work hard on is to get stronger. In college, you have 300-pound linemen that come at you, and I have to get used to being able to stand them up and get rid of them."

"I got double-teamed a lot this season and will get it even more next year," said McKinnon. "I tell my teammates that when two or three guys come after me they should be open to make the tackle. I am quick enough to beat the double-team most of the time, but even when I don't, it leaves someone open."

"Some teams tried to run right at me this season," laughed McKinnon, "and I couldn't believe it! There is no way anybody is going to run me over, and when they tried I just couldn't believe it. I told'em when they were getting up to come back and try again, and when they did I just put'em down again. In practice, the scout team runners just stop and fall down when we get close to them. They don't want to get hit. When we get the chance to hit in a game, we make the most of the chance."

Called by many the "state's best college linebacker, regardless of division," McKinnon feels there isn't as big a difference in Division II and Division I-AA or Division I, as many fans believe.

"I'm not going to say we didn't go out and beat Alabama or Auburn," said McKinnon, "but there is no doubt we could play with any other school in the state, regardless of division. We got some bad calls or we would have defeated two-time Division I-AA champ Youngstown State on their own field. Alabama and Auburn have more quality players than do Division II schools, but we have our share of players that could play at that level, and would love to play Troy State, Alabama State or UAB!"

With 20 starters returning to a team that has won back-to-back national championships, the obvious favorite in 1995 will be the North Alabama Lions. Does the thought of a "three-peat" intrigue the Elba All-American?

"We have the chance to accomplish something next season at North Alabama and we have done, to win three straight national championships," said McKinnon. "It will be a challenge, and will be a challenge every single time we take the field. Everybody wants to knock off the #1 team, no matter what the sport, and next year we'll have a target on our backs every time we take the field. If we let the two titles get us overconfident and satisfied, there is no way we'll win a third. We have the skills to win again, but championships aren't won just on Saturday, or on Friday

## The "McKinnon" career....

## 1992 Football Honors....

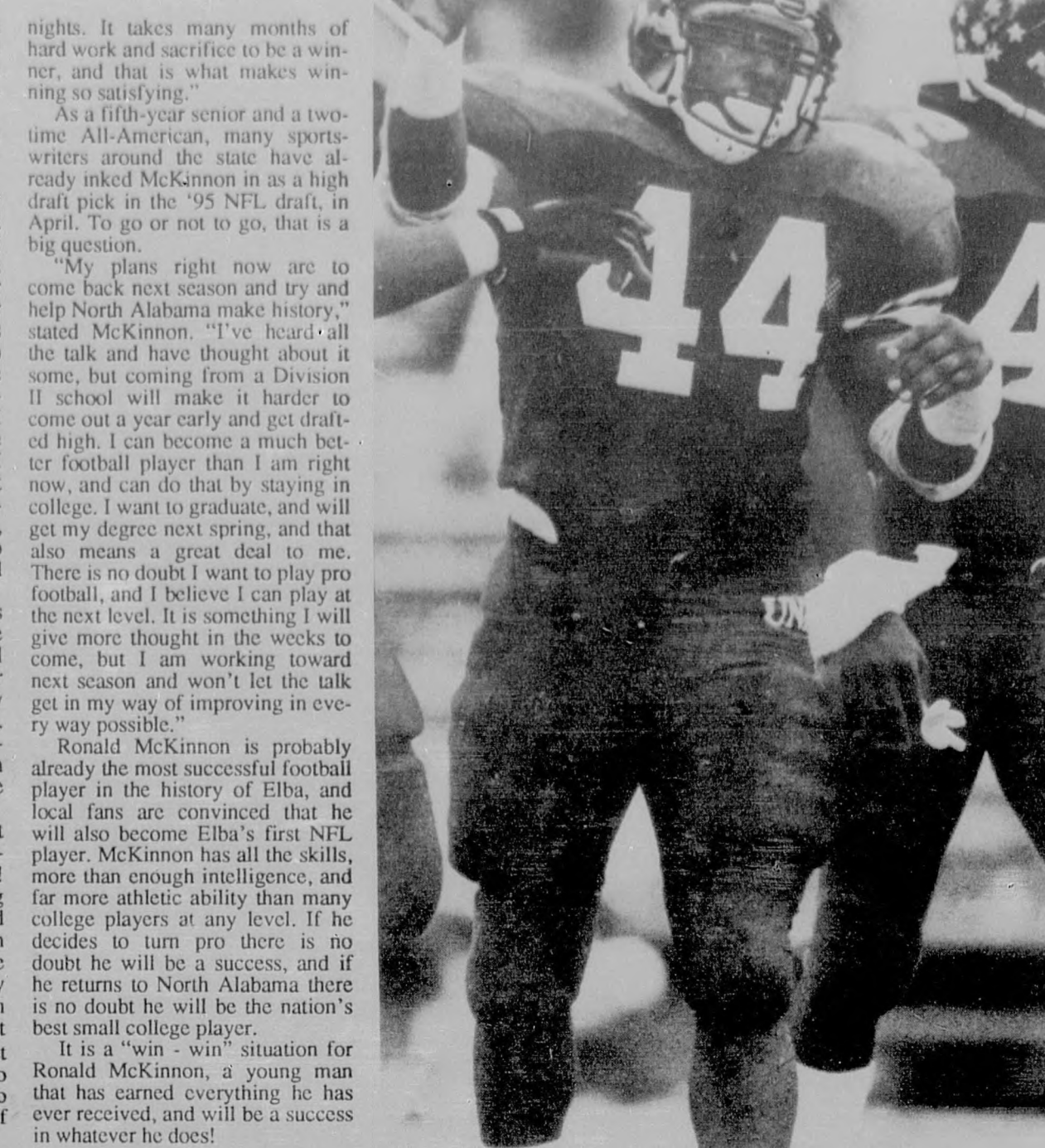
All-Gulf South Conference - 1st team  
Gulf South Conference "Freshman of the Year"

## 1993 Football Honors....

All-Gulf South Conference - 1st Team  
Gulf South Conference "Player of the Week"  
Division II "National Player of the Week"  
All-South Region - First Team  
Associated Press All-American - 3rd Team  
Division II SID's All-American - 1st Team  
Football Gazette All-American - 1st Team  
C.M. Frank All-American - 1st Team

## 1994 Football Honors....

Amer. Football Coaches Assn. All-American - 1st Team  
Associated Press Little All-American - 1st team  
Football Gazette All-American - 1st Team  
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C.M. Frank "National Defensive Player of the Year"  
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